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Re: Pro-Tito Yugoslav Activities
in the United States

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York.

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201 East 69th Street
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Re: Pro-Tito Yugoslav Activities
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*and advised
Tito sympathizer*

T-1 advised on February 7, 1953, that on February 7, 1953, Karla Duhar, an American citizen employed at the Yugoslav Information Center, 816 Fifth Avenue, New York City, discussed a recent television program with Truda Hajnrih, Secretary to Joza Prilej, the Yugoslav United Nations Ambassador, 854 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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Duhar stated that she was trying to get some information about the Armstrong Circle Theatre (program of February 5, 1953, 10:00 to 11:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, regarding the life of Milovan Djilas, former Vice President of Yugoslavia currently incarcerated in Yugoslavia, and the author of "The New Class.") Duhar stated that Branislav Novakovic, Deputy Director, Yugoslav Information Center, New York City, mentioned that one of the actors that participated in the show is with the Jan Hus Company, and Novakovic was attempting to ascertain this actor's name. Duhar then stated

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"this thing is not finished" and that they "are continually working on CBS" (Columbia Broadcasting System, on whose network the show in question appeared). Duhar continued, "We have something coming up next week. We're not lying down. We're not letting them get away with unfactual material." Duhar mentioned that Djilas did not meet Tito in 1934, but in 1937, and that they were never in jail together. Duhar then stated that CBS is extremely embarrassed over the whole situation as CBS now realizes "that somebody put something over on them."

Hajnrlih was of the opinion that Leo Mates, Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, should take some action with regard to the show.

Hajnrlih stated that on the evening of February 6, 1958, that Brilej and Joza Vilfan, Secretary General to Tito, attended a show, "Trial of Dmitri Karamazov," and that one of the actors in the latter show also was in the Djilas show. Hajnrlih then stated that Brilej and Vilfan were invited to the latter show by one of Vilfan's friends who had a part in the latter show.

Duhar stated that if she were in a position to do so, she would sue CBS, the Armstrong Cork Company (sponsor of the show), and the publisher of the book "The New Class." Duhar stated that what irritates her is the "Arthur Miller thing." In

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Yugoslavia, they asked them to stop writing about Arthur Miller and they stopped." Both Hajnrih and Duhar expressed further dissatisfaction that the show had viewed Tito and Yugoslavia unfavorably.

Duhar stated that she recently received a newspaper clipping from her sister in California (Toni Middleton, Long Beach, California) regarding the questioning of Artukovic (Andrija Artukovic, ex-Minister of Interior of Wartime Croatia, for whom the United States Supreme Court has recently ordered a new lower court hearing to determine whether Artukovic should be sent back to Yugoslavia for alleged war crimes). Duhar stated that CBS should be challenged to do a program on Artukovic.

Duhar stated that she could not understand why the Yugoslavs have not protested regarding this show. Regarding the unknown actor who appeared in both the play and the television show, Duhar stated that it would be an easy matter to ascertain his identity by merely calling CBS.

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Regarding Novakovic, mentioned above, on July 10, 1954, T-2 advised that according to Lajo Goranin, Librarian in Charge of Book Sales at the Yugoslav Information Center, New York City,

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allied
Novakovic held a position in the Central Office of the Yugoslav Intelligence and Security Service, UDSS, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and was, as of July 10, 1954, considered a specialist in the handling of "pro-Russian" problems.

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